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RE: Docket #:

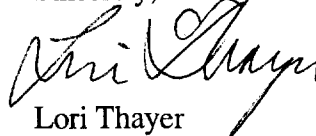
- 1) 98N-1230;
- 2) 96P-0418;
- 3) 97P-0197

Dear FDA:

I am writing in regards to the FDA's action on the above three referenced docket numbers. I would like to advocate that the FDA ban forced molting practices that are presently legal and active within the U.S. Egg industry. It's a matter of reducing public health risks due to increased Salmonella enteritidis caused by forced molting; and a matter of reducing cruel practices imposed on the laying hens. It has been scientifically shown that forced molting promotes disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems. It is not enough to simply put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. Furthermore, the FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that put human health in jeopardy. Your agency was petitioned in April of 1998 to ban forced molting. Please move forward on this issue and stop **the cruelty and the contamination NOW.**

Thank you for taking this matter into utmost serious consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Lori Thayer

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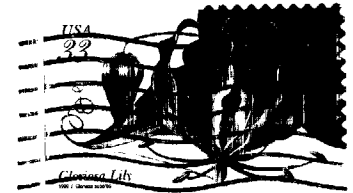
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**CROSS REFERENCE SHEET**

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